



# Churchville Nature Center

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# Program & Activity Guide Fall 2017

## Naturalist & Family Programs

### September

#### Butterfly House Tours

11:00am – 3:00pm: 9/10, 9/12  
11:00am – 4:00pm: 9/7, 9/8, 9/9, 9/14, 9/16  
4:00 - 7:00 pm: 9/13  
General Admission \$8, Seniors (62+) \$6,  
Junior (age 4-12) \$5, Members of CNC \$6,  
Flutter Pass holders-free



#### Monarch Tagging Event

September 17

All good things come to an end so to mark the closing of the Butterfly House season we will again be holding our Monarch Tag and Release event. To participate, preregistration is required. The event fee will include a live monarch for release for each registrant, a discussion on the importance of the monarch tagging and a farewell tour through the Butterfly House for the season.

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Fee: 8/person Flutter Pass holders \$5/person  
The number of butterflies is limited.

#### Autumnal Equinox Night Hike & Campfire

September 22

The September equinox occurs the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator – the imaginary line in the sky above Earth's Equator – from north to south. This is at 4:02pm in our area. Join us in the evening to celebrate the first day of fall with a campfire and evening hike. All kinds of things in nature start to happen as the days get shorter and the nights longer. This evening will also include our first campfire of the season

**Reservations are Required**

Time: 7:30 PM Adults \$5 & Children \$3

### October

#### Clean-Up Day

October 14

Plastic bags, bottles, Styrofoam cups, alumni cans and fast food wrappers! None of these belong in the Churchville Nature Center's reservoir. That is why on Saturday, October 21, 10am to 1pm, the Center is coordinating with the Pa. Clean Ways and Ocean Conservancy for its semi-annual Inner-Coastal Clean-up. The public is encouraged to attend and this program is suitable for all ages. Volunteers who are passionate about keeping their environment and waterways clean should come out. Gloves and trash bags will be supplied. Anyone interested should call Diane V. Sears at 215-357-4005 ext. 5038

#### Animal Myths & Legends

October 22

Start off your Halloween events by joining us to see how certain animals became associated with this season. Well we have the inside scoop and have some live animals to share with you while you get your first treat too!

Time: 2:00 PM

\$3 per person/Members Free





## Naturalist & Family Programs



### *Saturday Morning Bird Walks*

Each Saturday

Join an experienced bird watcher every Saturday morning for our early morning bird walks from 7 to 9AM during September, then we switch to 8 to 10AM October thru March. These walks are a great way to meet new people and enjoy casual conversation with other bird enthusiasts. Your guide will pick out the best spot to visit within the area. Bring along binoculars and a bird identification book, if you have them.



### Fall Naturalist Walks

October 1, November 5 & December 10

Join us as we explore the changing seasons. Fall is a time of crisp air, warm colors and quiet changes in nature. Lets see what interesting things we can find as Mother Nature prepares for her winter rest.

Time: 2:00 PM

\$3 per person/Members Free

## October

### Mommy And Me Classes

October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

5 Week Preschool Class for children age 2-4yr olds

Join our education director for this 5 week course for our youngest visitors. So often these little guys come with their older siblings to drop them off at camp. They usually want to stay too but are too young. Well here is their chance to come do camp stuff with their adults. We will spend an hour reading a story, doing a crafts and learning about fall happenings in nature. You must register for all 5 weeks and space is limited to 15 children.

**Pre-registration is required**

Time: 10:30–11:30am

\$50 for 5 weeks

## November

### Natural Ornaments Workshop

November 18

The tree decorating season is right around the corner. Learn how to make natural ornaments using items found out in nature. Gum ball owls, acorn squirrels, and pine cone deer are but a few of the many ideas we have. We will even make outdoor decorations for feeding the winter animals.

Time: 2:00 pm

Fee: \$5.00 per child (parents free) includes materials

**Pre-registration is required before November 11<sup>th</sup>**



## December

### Owl Prowl Campfire

December 15

Winter is just around the corner and great horn owl nesting season starts in early January. We hope to get in on their hooting season by calling them to see if we can get a response, they are most vocal at this time of the year as they look for mates and territory.

**Reservations are Required**

Time: 6:30 PM

Adults \$5 & Children \$3

### Christmas Bird Count

December 16

On Saturday, December 16, we will be heading out onto the grounds of Churchville Nature Center and the surrounding area to take part in a bird census for the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. If you are a bird watcher, be it a novice or an experienced birder, you are welcome to join the count.

# Lenape Village Programs



## Tah-Ko-King “Harvest Celebration”

October 29

Tah-Ko-King returns to the center’s Lenape Village with lots of family fun and excitement for all to enjoy. Churchville Nature Center’s unique Lenape Village will be all set up similar to a working Lenape village of the distant past. Our guides, dressed in authentic buckskin clothing, will take visitors on a special journey to learn about the Lenape Native Americans while interacting in many hands-on activities such as cordage making, fire-making, pottery and crafts. Learn about Lenape culture at the family life station, or enjoy Lenape foods at the cooking station. Take part in unique and fun-filled Lenape games and crafts. Please don’t miss this very special Lenape Village celebration, which is not only educational but also has lots of fun things to do for the whole family. There is really nothing quite like it.

Time: 12:00 to 4:00 PM

Entrance: \$10.00 per person



## Lenape Village Public Programs

Every Sunday from September 3 To October 22

Travel back in time to the 1500’s just prior to European contact. Trained educators dressed in authentic buckskins will take you through the stations for a hands-on experience just the way it would have been back then.

**Each month a different station will be featured making a craft that goes along with that station.**

September 10 - Wild Edibles

September 17– Cordage & Crafts

September 24 - Learn from the Animals

October 1 - Fire Making

October 8 - Fire Making

October 15 - Fire Making

October 22– Fire Making

The last Sunday of October will be our Fall Festival from 12:00-4:00pm, demonstrating how the Lenape celebrated their fall harvest before they went north for the hunting season.

**Cost: \$8 (Children under 4 Free)**

**Pre-registration required**

**The tour will begin promptly at 1pm and is the only tour of the day**

## Working With Wampum

September 16

Learn the surprising history of the beautiful white and purple shell beads we know as wampum. Find out why they were valuable to both Native people and Colonists, and how they were woven into jewelry, sashes, and belts. Then try your hand at it. Make your own shell bead using a stone drill and weave a one-row bracelet using buckskin and glass wampum with the single-needle method.

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Fee: \$20



## Lenape In-Door Programs

The village may be closed until spring, but we still have programs available in the visitor center. Please join us for the following programs:

**Leather Craft Workshops:** October 1, November 5 & December 3  
2:00 to 4:00pm

Assorted project kits will be available starting at \$5, Due to use of hammers and chisel-type tools, minimum age is 8 years and children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Lenape Stories & Games:** November 12 - 2:00 pm. \$5 per person

**Hemp Bracelet Workshop:** November 19 - 2:00 to 4:00 pm. \$10 per person, supplies included



## Lenape Village Programs

### Drum Making Workshop

September 24

Once again Rainbows of Healing is having a Medicine Drum making workshop in the Lenape Village here at Churchville Nature Center. This single sided drum will be crafted using a wooden hoop or frame and a stretched rawhide head and lacing. Covered on only one side, the back is laced to form the symbol of a medicine wheel with the four cardinal directions that also serve as a hand hold. Great for drumming circles and meditation!

Time: 11am-5pm

**REGISTER AT : [rainbowsofhealing.com](http://rainbowsofhealing.com)**



## Outings

### Delaware River Canoe Trip

September 16

Our group will be paddling from Kingwood to Bulls Island. Join us for this favorite Delaware trip through some charming country side. This trip will be a joint trip with AMC. Fee includes canoes, paddles, preservers & experienced leadership.

**Pre-registration is required**

Departure Time: 7:00 AM

Fee: Member \$25/Non-Member \$30

Leader: John Chalikian



### Brandywine Canoe & Museum Trip

October 21

Join CNC and Appalachian Mountain Club for one of our favorite fall paddling trips down the historic Brandywine River in Chester County. The group will be stopping at the Brandywine River Museum for lunch and a tour of the museum. \*Admission to the museum, canoes, paddles, preservers & experienced leadership are included in the trip fee. Participants need to bring along lunch & beverage in bag, as well as clean, dry shoes to put on for the museum tour.

Departure Time: 7:00 AM

Fee: CNC & AMC Members \$35

Non-Member \$40

Leaders: Barb Nesbitt & John Chalikian

Pre-registration is required for all children's programs, natural history trips, courses and workshops. Space is limited. Please be sure to read the Registration/Cancellation Policies. For trips, travel is by private car pool, departing from the Churchville Nature Center (unless otherwise noted). An information letter with further details for each outing will be sent upon registration. Gear and food are not provided, unless stated otherwise. Canoe trip prices include canoes, paddles and adult-size preservers. \*\*All outing itineraries are subject to change due to unforeseen conditions\*\*.

#### REGISTRATION/CANCELLATION POLICIES

**REGISTRATION:** To register for any paid program, field trip, course, or workshop, participants must pre-pay. Once payment is received, the participant will be put on the program register. The nature center accepts cash, personal checks, money orders, or VISA/Master/Discover Card. The fee can be dropped off in person at the center, or sent by mail to the Churchville Nature Center, 501 Churchville PA, 18966. Payment should be accompanied by a note with participant's name, address, day and evening phone numbers, and the name of the event(s) they are signing up for.

**CANCELLATION:** A non-refundable cancellation fee of 10% of the program cost (with a minimum of \$1.00) will be deducted for any paid program/outing canceled up to one week prior to the activity. If cancellation is received less than one week before the program starts, no refunds or credits will be given.

**NOTICE:** There is a \$10.00 service fee for any "bounced" checks.

The Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs, activities and facilities. The official registration information of the Friends of Churchville Nature Center, Inc. may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling 1-800-732-0999.

Bucks County Commissioners: Charles H. Martin, Chairman, Robert G. Loughery & Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW